

CLASS IS DESIRE OF NORTHWESTERN

Directors Hold Meeting and
Decide to Make Fight
for Advance.

ARGUMENTS ARE SET FORTH

Officials Say That With Average
Population of 150,000 in League
Cities Raise in Rating Is
but Just Demand.

That the Northwestern League is to make a bitter fight for a Class A rating—the same as held by the Western and Southern leagues—was evidenced by a discussion of plans by the Class B directors in annual Fall session last night at the office of President Jones in the Yeon building.

President Jones was delegated to attend the minor leagues' National convention in Milwaukee November 12, as representative with voting power, but all the magnates present will be there to aid in the fight.

"There are just two Class A leagues left, and the Northwestern has a larger population per city than either of the duet, the Western or the Southern," said Mr. Jones. "Both are eight-club leagues, but our six-team circuit averages close to 150,000 a city."

W. W. McCredie, president of the Portland league and vice-president of the Coast League, declared that the Coast League would likely not oppose the move.

Although the annual meeting and the election of a president is not scheduled until December 21, Fielder A. Jones will undoubtedly be re-elected. Seattle was formally awarded the Northwestern pennant for 1912 as a minor detail.

League directors present were: D. E. Dugdale, Seattle; Joseph P. Colvin, Spokane; Robert P. Brown, Vancouver; L. A. Wattlet, Victoria; Ed Watkins, Tacoma; W. W. McCredie, Portland.

M'GRAW'S PITCHERS STRONG

New Men in Giants' Lineup Help to
Boost New York's Showing.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Enthusiasts who are following the concluding work of the New York Giants before the world series are being surprised by the strength of McGraw's string of recruit pitchers. Such men as Demaree, Kirby, Goulet and Bader, all strange names in the Giants' lineup, have been tried out in the last few games and helped to boost New York's showing.

In the last five games the Giants lost only one. That was pitched Saturday by the so-called star of the team, big Jeff Tesreau, against Boston. Today's victory was the 101st for the Giants this season, one less than the string of Boston Americans' victories to date. Predominance of earlier opinion that Boston would be strong favorites in the world series is weakening. Many of the "experts" say the contenders are so evenly matched that a seven-game series is not unlikely.

DRIVERS FIND COURSE IS FAST

Cars to Run in Vanderbilt Contest
Average About 78 Miles.

RACE COURSE, Wauwatosa, Wis., Sept. 30.—In opening practice today for the Vanderbilt cups and the Wisconsin and grand prix trophy automobile races scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, the larger cars began to average around 78 miles an hour. The fact that such fast time was made on the rebuilt course on which the drivers had previously had no practice makes racing experts sanguine that a world's record will be broken at Milwaukee. The present record was made by Tetraloff, who went approximately 73½ miles an hour at Santa Monica, Cal., this year.

LYNCH WILL PROBE CHARGES

Accusations That Umpires Helped
Giants to Be Taken Up.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—President Lynch, of the National League, plans to have the league directors investigate the charges of Horace S. Fogel, president of the Philadelphia club, that favorable decisions by certain umpires were responsible for the New York club winning the pennant this year.

Mr. Lynch says he cares nothing for Mr. Fogel's personal attack upon him, but that the imputation of dishonesty on the part of the umpires cannot be overlooked.

HORGAN LEADS DENVER MAN

First Block in Three-Cushion Game
Ends, 40 to 23.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 30.—John Horgan, champion three-cushion billiard player of the world, defeated Dave Palm, of Denver, in the first block, played here tonight, of a two nights' six-point match. The score was 40 to 23.

Horgan's high runs were 7 and 6, and Palm's 5. The block was played in 48 minutes. The second block will be played tomorrow night.

Yale Eleven Practices Secretly

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sept. 30.—Upsetting all Yale football traditions, which have insisted upon open practice at least through the middle of the season, announcement was made today that there would be secret practice beginning this week for one hour each day. This will be followed by an hour of open scrimmage to which the general public will be admitted. The early beginning of secret practice indicates that the coaches attach great importance to the development of trick plays and deceptive formations, for which the new code offers much opportunity.

Cornell Cuts Down Squad

ITHACA, N. Y., Sept. 30.—The Cornell football squad was cut down to 40 men today, Coach Sharpe dropping 19 players. This action came as a result of Cornell's defeat by Colgate, the coaches announcing a determination to concentrate their efforts on a smaller squad.

Savin Hurt in Auto Crash.
ST. LOUIS, Sept. 30.—Ollie Savin, while driving a racing automobile at the races on a one-mile earth track here, went through the fence with his machine and two of his ribs were fractured. Bob Burman went two miles in 1:32 2-5.

First Social Swim Is Tonight

The first social swim of the season will be held in the big tank at the Multnomah Club tonight. The committee extends its invitation to the senior

members and women of the club, and each member is entitled to bring a friend.

Amateur Athletics.

The Studebakers defeated the Estacada ball team Sunday at Estacada 2 to 1, after nine innings of furious ball. Moreland and Bleg formed the battery for Portland, while the Bronson brothers sent and received for the Clackamas stars.

The Y. M. C. A. is formulating a house basketball league similar to that which made the place popular last Winter. The Spartans, the outside, challenge team, probably will be dispensed with in the future, as it was too big an expense.

Although soccer football has never

been tried by the boys, the St. Johns High School has passed up Rugby football, and, beginning with this Winter, will have soccer as the principal winter sport. Other high schools in the vicinity of Portland are making room for soccer, although the majority are still staying pretty close to the real American game.

The Weonas took one of the deciding baseball games of the season from the Piedmont Maroons Sunday at the Peninsula Park, 12 to 12. Both teams were leaders among the city's independent teams.

Columbia University has not landed a football game with Oregon City High yet, but expects to play them before the end of the week. Negotiations are also on with Hoquiam, Wash., for a game late in November. The game

with Aberdeen fell through, the two schools being unable to find an open date in common.

Sporting Sparks

SPECK HARKNESS, the Portland pitcher, expects to be a member of Cal Ewing's Australian barnstorming bunch this Winter. Others who have signed to go are Killilay, Oakland; Van Buren, Sacramento; Miller, Sacramento; Leard, Oakland; Bliss, St. Louis; McArdle, Mundorff and Bonner, San Francisco.

The San Francisco Y. M. C. A. won the lion's share of points at the recent Coast swimming meet down south. M.

Nixon took the 50-yard dash final in 0:28 1-5, E. Smith the 100-yard dash in 0:59 2-5 and the 220 in 2:41 2-5; L. Langer, of Los Angeles, was the winner in the 880-yard swim, in 12:21 2-5, while Johnson, a San Francisco Y. entry, won the 440 in 5:02 2-5.

Jack Kibbie played in the recent game the Cleveland Naps won from Detroit with Gregg pitching. He relieved Turner after the game was safely stowed away and came up three times to bat without hitting safely.

Some statistical bug back East has figured out that in 21 of his 24 years in major league baseball Cy Young struck out 2766 men and walked 175, which means at the lowest possible count that he threw the ball across the plate 13,014 times, not counting the

strikes he had on the men who walked or the balls he might have had on the men who struck out.

Jeff Tesreau, the New York Giant pitching discovery, may be in Portland the coming Winter. His brother Alex lives in Chehalis and left for the world's series a couple of days ago, after announcing that he and Jeff would make the return by auto. Joe Tinker is another who expects to come West via auto transportation.

According to a letter received here some time ago by a friend of "Bill" Steen, the former Beaver is figuring on coming back to Portland and quitting baseball for good. Bill will be here about the last of October and may stay here for the next few years. At the time of writing his pitching record

was a little better than .500, which Steen claims is the lowest in his professional record.

Dr. E. C. McFarland, secretary of the Multnomah Anglers' Club, and Lester Humphrey returned Sunday night from a highly successful fishing trip at Rainier. They cast from a boat in the Columbia, and had several narrow escapes from overturning as a result of heavy swells from passing liners. Dr. McFarland hopes to organize a county Anglers' Club at Rainier this Fall.

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